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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 13, 2002 OFFICE ACTION

The Assistant Commissioner
for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:

This Amendment is filed in reply to the Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 13, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The December 13, 2002 Office Action provided a period of 3 months in which to file a response, i.e., by March 13, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Accordingly, a reply to the December 13, 2002 Office Action would have been due on April 13, 2003. However, April 13, 2003 was a Sunday. Thus, a reply to the December 13, 2002 Office Action is now due April 14, 2003 and this Amendment is being timely filed.